Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The community of Betland, South Dakota, will be celebrating its centennial on July 2, 3, and 4; and,

WHEREAS, Betland is located in Kingsbury County, Section 31 of the Denver Township; and,

WHEREAS, Betland was originally plotted by a townsite company in 1879-1880 and tentatively named Felton for A. J. Felton, a Northwestern townsite agent; and,

WHEREAS, Later the townsite was named after John Betland, who was the first settler in the congressional district, when it was discovered that there was another townsite by the name of Felton; and,

WHEREAS, Betland grew rapidly in 1883-1889 and was soon represented by every kind of business common to western towns, until a fire destroyed much of it in 1919; and,

WHEREAS, Betland residents are proud of their community; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor of South Dakota to join in this pride of a community which contributes greatly to the high quality of life in this state:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the days of July 2, 3 and 4, 1988, as

BETLAND CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-First Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE